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Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU :—" Is there not a proposal, Sir, to appoint an executive officer for Guntur? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Government are considering various names; but till orders are actually passed, they are treated as confidential."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that in the case of certain municipalities, commissioners are appointed in spite of resolutions passed by the majority of the councillors concerned? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Minister whether he will furnish a list of such municipalities? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I cannot off-hand give this information, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that it is the interests of the administrations which govern the conditions to the appointment of commissioners? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have stated that more than once."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I know, Sir, the reasons which weighed with the Government in throwing out the resolutions passed by the municipal councillors protesting against the appointment of commissioners? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" These appointments are made in pursuance of legislation passed by this House and, whenever Government feel that such appointments are in the interests of the municipality, they are making them."

Appointment of panchayat officers.

* 568 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed panchayat officers for all districts;

(*b*) if not, what the reason is for the delay in making the appointments; and

(*c*) what the reasons of the Government are for not placing these appointments in the hands of the Public Services Commission?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Government have since appointed district panchayat officers for all districts, except Nellore, the Nilgiris and Tinnevelly. Appointments for these districts are under consideration and will shortly be made.

(*c*) Under section 8 of the Madras Services Commission Act, 1929 (Madras Act XI of 1929), the Commission shall advise the Local Government in regard to recruitment to any provincial or subordinate service. The service of district panchayat officers is not such a service.

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know, Sir, why the Government propose to exclude the appointments of panchayat officers from the list of posts to be recruited by the Public Services Commission?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is not quite clear, Sir. The answer clearly states that the Public Services Commission is intended to deal only with Government services."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"When the Government have taken power from the district boards to do justice, thinking that the local board presidents would not do what they could do in the interests of public, why should Government take the responsibility of appointing panchayat officers and not get the thing done by the Public Services Commission to avoid unnecessary odium?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I have already stated that it is not a matter for the Commission."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know, Sir, whether there are any proposals now before the Government to provincialize these services and, if there is such a proposal, will the Government consider the desirability of making the Public Services Commission recruit the candidates instead of themselves doing the odious task?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"At present, Sir, they are under the local board services. Ultimately, it may be possible to class them with the Provincial Services. Then, as a matter of course, the Public Services Commission will make the recruitment."

Qualifications of District Panchayat Officers appointed by the Government.

* 569 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the names and addresses are of persons who have been appointed by the Government as district panchayat officers so far;

(*b*) to which district each of such persons has been appointed;

(*c*) what the educational as well as technical qualifications of each is; and

(*d*) what the pay drawn by each is and in which scale?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement[a] is appended.

(*d*) A fixed salary of Rs. 150 per mensem for the present.

Continuance in office of District Panchayat Officers appointed by Presidents of District Boards.

* 570 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many districts district panchayat officers have been appointed by the Government;

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